

## Discover Where Your Irish Ancestors Lived

Between 1848 and 1864, a valuation, called Griffith's Primary Valuation, was made of taxable property in every parish in Ireland. The records list the name of the head of the household, the name of the landowner ('immediate lessor'), the acreage of the plot, the value of the property, and the amount of tax assessed. The tax based on the property valuation was used to support the poor.

1. Go to [askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/](http://askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/)
2. Complete step 1 by entering your family's surname
3. Complete step 2 by entering a forename or first name (optional)
4. Use the drop down arrows to choose a county then press search.
5. On the left will be the occupiers name, first name, their county, and then the parish.
6. To see an individual's details, click on the magnifying glass under Details. Write down the name of the Townland and the Map Reference Numbers at the bottom of the page.
7. Click on one of the icons under the Original Page heading to see a page from the original book. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to use the + sign to make the image larger. Find the person on the image and scroll across to see the Area of the property: A=Acre, R= Rood, and P=Perch; the Rateable Valuation; and the Total Valuation of Rateable Property.
8. To see Map Views of the property, click on the magnifying glasses under Map Views. The first magnifying glass brings up the map on a popup screen. The second magnifying glass brings the map up in a new window. Click on either map.
9. After the map is on your screen, click on one of the red rectangles to make the image bigger (keep clicking on the map until you can see the names of the townlands). Look for the townland name and then the Map Reference Number to see the property.
10. To see a Modern Map of the property use the scroll button on the right to move it left to see the Modern Map. To move back to Historical Map move it to the right. To see the historical map layered over the modern map put the scroll button in the middle.